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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO PRIMIN DEMIREL

REF: (A) ANKARA 5733 (B) STATE 175486

1. SINCE DISPATCH REFTEL (A), I HAVE LEARNED THAT PRIMIN HAS CALLED LATE AFTERNOON CABINET MEETING. TO BE CERTAIN THAT PRIMIN WILL HAVE CHANCE TO CAREFULLY CONSIDER PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE IT WILL HAVE TO BE DELIVERED TO HIM BEFORE OPENING OF BUSINESS WASHINGTON TIME. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I WILL DELIVER MESSAGECONTAINED REFTEL (B), WITHOUT WAITING FOR WASHINGTON ACTION ON CHANGES PROPOSED REFTEL (A). AT SAME TIME, I WILL SEEK TO GET ACROSS (AS MY OWN THINKING) CURRENT POSSIBLE AVENUES OF EXPLORATION OUTLINED ANKARA 5719.

2. MOST EFFECTIVE ACTION WHICH CAN BE TAKEN AT THIS POINT, HOWEVER, WOULD BE PERSONAL TELEPHONE CALL FROM PRESIDENT OR SECRETARY TO DEMIREL WHICH WOULD CONVEY TO PRIMIN CURRENT POSSIBILITIES BEING EXPLORED SUCH AS 50 MILLION WAIVER AND ALTERNATE LEGISLATIVE ROUTES. IF DEMIREL HAS THESE SPECIFICS IN MIND, THEY COULD POSSIBLY SERVE AS DETERRENT TO PRECIPITOUS ACTION HERE. CALL SHOULD ALSO STRESS (A) THAT CLOSENESS OF VOTE REFLECTS OBVIOUS PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE WITH THE CONGRESS AND (B) IMPORTANCE TURKISH RESTRAINT HAS PLAYED IN MAKING THIS PROGRESS POSSIBLE. I AM NOT RPT NOT AT ALL SANGUINE THAT IN WAKE OF HOUSE VOTE RETALIATORY GOT ACTION CAN BE AVOIDED. I BELIEVE, HOWEVER, ABOVE COURSE REPRESENTS BEST CHANCE OF CURTAILING AND
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CONTAINING IT.

3. TIME DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ANKARA AND WASHINGTON IS SEVEN
HOURS SO IF CALL IS TO BE MADE, IT SHOULD BE MADE BY 0900
WASHINGTON TIME. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S
OFFICE IS 18 57 76.
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